

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were pending in the application.

The specification is amended to include a claim to priority and to include standard headings for U.S. applications. No new matter is added.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claims 4 and 6. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 10 are amended to correct typographical errors and change terminology to conform to common U.S. practice. Claims 5 and 7 are amended to depend from claim 1.

Claims 4, 6, 8, and 9 are canceled.

New claims 11-15, based upon original claim 9, are added. New claim 11 corresponds to original claim 9 rewritten in independent form and includes the limitations of claims 1 and 4. New claims 12-15 depend from claim 11 and correspond to claims 2, 3, 5, and 10, which depend from claim 1.

Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in the claims as originally filed. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 10-15 are now pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 6 to 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of their claims and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claims 4 and 6, which is equivalent to rewriting claim 6 in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, and 10 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that these claims also be allowed.

New claim 11 corresponds to original claim 9 rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claims 1 and 4. New claims 12-15 depend from claim 11. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 12-15 also be allowed.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 1 to 3 and 5 are objected to over a number of informalities. The claims are amended to correct the informalities cited by the Examiner and Applicant respectfully requests that the objections be withdrawn.

Claims Rejections 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gmaj et al. (Chemical Abstracts, 71:22903, 1969). The Examiner's rejection has been carefully considered.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claims 4 and 6. Claim 6 is not anticipated by the cited reference. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, and 10, as amended, depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) be withdrawn.

New claim 11 corresponds to original claim 9 rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claims 1 and 4. Claim 9 is not anticipated by the cited

reference. New claims 12-15 depend from claim 11. Accordingly, Applicant argues that new claims 11-15 are not anticipated by the cited reference.

Claims Rejections 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1 to 5, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gmaj et al. (Chemical Abstracts, 71:22903, 1969). The Examiner's rejection has been carefully considered.

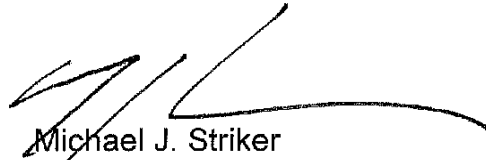
Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claims 4 and 6. Claim 6 is not unpatentable over the cited reference. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7, and 10, as amended, depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn.

New claim 11 corresponds to original claim 9 rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claims 1 and 4. Claim 9 is not unpatentable over the cited reference. New claims 12-15 depend from claim 11. Accordingly, Applicant argues that new claims 11-15 are not unpatentable over the cited reference.

Conclusion

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Striker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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